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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of John Blakey, who passed away on April 1, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, John Blakey was born on March 18, 1940 in Brent, Alabama; he was the son of George and Queenie Blakey; he married Evonne Alexander on June 29, 1963; and

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WHEREAS, In 1945, John Blakey and his family moved to Chicago in search of better employment and educational opportunities; he attended and graduated from St. Charles Borromeo Elementary and St. Philip High School; he earned his bachelor's degree from DePaul University in 1962 and his Master's of Business Administration from the University of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, John Blakey was employed in numerous positions in the private and public sectors; he worked for the Social Security Administration and the Veterans Administration; he served as vice president of MICA, Inc., A.G. Becker and Co., and Becker Securities Corp.; he was president of his own consulting firm, Blakey Services, Inc., for four years; he worked as a part-time adjunct professor at Chicago State university and Governors State University; after completing

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1 School Business Management training at Northern Illinois
2 University, he served as chief school business official for
3 Harvey School District 152, North Chicago Unit School District
4 187, and Bremen High School District 228, from which he retired
5 in 2006; and

6 WHEREAS, Following his retirement, John Blakey served as
7 Interim Director of Business Operations for Thornton High
8 School District 205 from 2006 to 2008 and at Riverdale School
9 District 133 from 2008 until his passing; and

10 WHEREAS, John Blakey was a member of Toastmasters, where he
11 was widely regarded as an eloquent public speaker, and was a
12 charter member of the Glenwood/Thornton Toastmasters; he
13 served as a member of the Brookwood District 167 Board of
14 Education from 1983 until his passing, serving as secretary,
15 vice president, and president during his tenure; he was a
16 chairperson of the Reclaim A Youth (RAY) of Illinois Advisory
17 Board and served on the RAY Scholarship and College Orientation
18 Committee; he was also a member of the Illinois Association of
19 School Business Officials, the Homewood Rotary, and the
20 Glenwood Lions Club; and

21 WHEREAS, John Blakey was preceded in death by his father
22 and his brothers, Jeff (Valeria) and George Jr.; and

1 WHEREAS, John Blakey is survived by his loving and devoted
2 wife, Evonne; his son, Randall (Sonya); his daughter, Ricia
3 (Trenton) Taylor; his grandchildren, Noel, Destinee, Justice,
4 and Zion; his mother; his brother, James (Monica); his
5 mother-in-law, Christine Alexander; his sister-in-law, Deborah
6 (Jerry); and his many cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces,
7 great-nephews, and friends; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
10 his family and friends, the passing of John Blakey; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of John Blakey as an expression of our
14 sympathy.